

Exhibit A

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From: Victor Essen <vessen@rssclaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Martina Bernstein; Debbie Champion
Cc: Jared Goodman
Subject: RE: PETA v. MPF/transfer of chimpanzees

We are not intending to go forward with that.

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From: Martina Bernstein [mailto:MartinaB@petaf.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 2:51 PM
To: Victor Essen; Debbie Champion
Cc: Jared Goodman
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: PETA v. MPF/transfer of chimpanzees

Thank you. Will you still be proceed with the deposition next week, or may we release Dr. Reyes-Illig from the deposition you still have not noticed?

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As we said in our pleading, we are requesting the information and will supplement accordingly.

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From: Martina Bernstein [<mailto:MartinaB@petaf.org>]
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To: Debbie Champion
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PETA v. MPF/transfer of chimpanzees
Importance: High

Dear Counsel:

As you may be aware, in a previous representation to the court, Casey assured the Court that she would not transfer any other chimpanzees, pending resolution of this suit. ("While Ms. Casey disputes that she cannot transfer her chimpanzees or that doing so constitutes spoliation, **Ms. Casey has no plans or intent to transfer any of the other chimpanzees pending resolution of this suit.**" ECF 82 at 3 (emphasis added)). In reliance on these assurances, Plaintiffs sought no further relief from the Court to prevent future spoliation of the chimpanzees at issue. Please confirm that no such legal transfer has taken place, and that Casey still retains legal custody and control of the chimpanzees--even while she may transfer physical custody or care to others.

To the extent that Casey has failed to abide by her assurances to the Court, please advise us immediately. Also, to allow us to seek an emergency remedy, please inform us of the identity of the chimpanzees at issue and the purported new "owner."

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